

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0908

December 5, 2022

President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write in support of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis's request for a major disaster declaration, beginning on November 7, 2022, due to Hurricane Nicole, which hit Florida as a Category 1 storm south of Vero Beach. The storm had maximum sustained winds of 75 miles per hour, leaving thousands of Floridians suffering from storm surge, beach erosion, and widespread property damage. In addition to killing five of our constituents, Hurricane Nicole has posed an extraordinary challenge to countless communities already struggling in Hurricane Ian's wake. As such, we request that you promptly approve Governor DeSantis' request for Individual Assistance for Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Putnam, St. Johns, and Volusia Counties; Public Assistance for Brevard, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Martin, Nassau, Palm Beach, St. Johns, St. Lucie, and Volusia Counties; Hazard Mitigation statewide; and a designation for areas for emergency protection measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program for FEMA-3587-EM.

Ensuring that the state has access to the federal resources it needs is imperative to protecting Floridians, their property, and their communities. As such, we urge you to approve the State of Florida's request for a major disaster declaration to unlock the federal assistance necessary to ensure the safety of our state.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator



Rick Scott
U.S. Senator